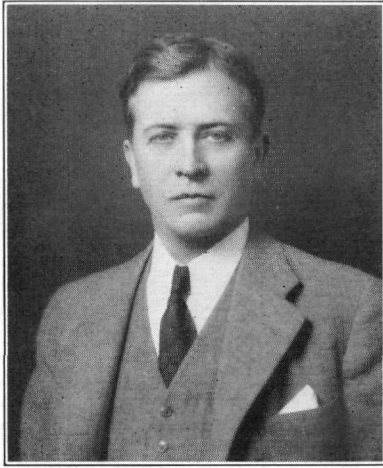


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## A WORD TO THE GRADUATING CLASS



*Dean C. E. McQuigg*

With the present distinct tinge of industrial gloom to shade the joys of Commencement time, the engineers may well feel some misgivings about the future. Without seeking to allay your concern by trying to lull you with a sense of false security, I do want you to take an optimistic view of the long prospect. Do not be misled by the assumption that all is well with our country; engineers cannot live in a land of make-believe. Almost every kind of worry presents itself to the thoughtful person today. Carefully think your way through the maze of conflicting appeals to your emotions and prejudices; the very vehemence of these appeals will tend to cloud your vision. We will not turn our ways into better living by letting the other fellow make all the decisions for us; many times he is not fitted by training or experience to do our thinking for us and we must meet the issues ourselves. This is our country, so let us take our part in doing our best to meet the issues which face it. Be concerned—worried if necessary—but not dismayed. This country has so much that has not blessed any other country in all of history and many of those things cannot be taken away from it. I tell you that I believe we will finally solve our problems and, in the main, settle them in a reasonable way.

And now to say goodbye:

Probably those on college faculties, more than most persons, are continually making new friendships. This is doubtless one of the obvious compensations which hold many in the teaching profession. It requires no great store of sentiment to find oneself wondering just what the campus will be like without certain young friends with whom one has shared the jokes and the worries of college life. On the other hand, one realizes, like the proud parent watching youth leave home to fulfill his destiny, that the student must leave school to work out his career in the world of affairs.

As the time comes for this particular Dean to say goodbye to the seniors, he realizes that, while he has known them for only one year, yet he feels the friendships have been for longer. With all sincerity he wishes you the best of luck and a long life of usefulness.

DEAN C. E. McQUIGG.



DEAR MR. SENIOR:

As I sit down to write this message to you my thoughts go back to the day when you were a freshman and you and I had our first "friendly" interview. I can well remember the fine enthusiasm with which you entered upon your college career and my hope for you is that the same enthusiasm is yours now when you are about to leave the campus, and its many associations, to take your place in the "work of the world."

What with baccalaureate sermon, good wishes of parents and friends, and the message of Commencement Day you'll be supplied with enough advice to last you for some time, so that there's not much I could add. So far as you are concerned I provided as much counsel as I could when you were a freshman and sophomore. You're grown up now, in the college sense. What you do from now on is up to you. I'm not much worried about you though. The graduates in Engineering from the Ohio State University have a proud record and I believe you'll maintain it. You couldn't have gotten through all those courses in math and physics, and mechanics and the seven hundreds in your department without showing that you're made of good stuff.

I wish you success in your work as an engineer, or in any other of the many occupations that an Engineering degree seems to fit people for. And, wherever you go, whatever you may do, remember that we, your friends in the faculty, will always follow your career with interest, and that we shall be glad to see you when you come back to visit your College of Engineering.

Sincerely yours,

W. D. TURNBULL.



W. D. Turnbull

TO THE SENIORS:

Best wishes to every member of the Class of 1938. You are about to enter that state to which commencement orators have long referred as "the cruel cold world," but you all have been in that world for more than a score of years and the prospect should not be terrifying. Many of you have won all or part of your living for several years and graduation will give you greater powers along this line.

As you leave the campus do not feel that you have ceased to be a part of the university, the degree, which you have won, indicates that you have successfully completed that which the university required of you; it now brands you as one of its products. Your progress will, therefore, be watched with great interest and hope by those who remain on the campus, and the young men who follow you through the classroom and laboratory will look to you for inspiration and assistance. As undergraduates you received the benefit of the University's facilities and in return for earnest intellectual effort attained an education in the fundamentals of engineering, attested to by a diploma. As alumni, you may assist the program of higher education in many ways. For this assistance no degree is offered but you are rewarded with the knowledge that you have made a worthy contribution to your fellows.



Lawrence D. Jones

LAWRENCE D. JONES.